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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of this amendment, the following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the pending application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for opening a first transport layer connection between a first client and an interface unit;

means for opening a second transport layer connection between said interface unit and a server if no free connection is open between said interface unit and said server;

means for allowing said first client to access information on said server via said second connection;

means for opening a third transport layer connection between a second client and said interface unit; and

means for allowing said second client to access information on said server via said second connection without waiting for said first client to disconnect.

2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

means for delinking said first connection and said third connection while keeping open said second connection.

3.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said means for allowing said second client to access information on said server via second connection is comprised of:

means for utilizing a content length parameter to determine whether all of said information has been sent to said first client.

4.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said means for allowing said second client to access information on said server via said second connection is comprised of:

means for utilizing two or more chunk-size fields to determine whether all of said information has been sent to said first client.

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5.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising the steps of:

opening a first <u>transport layer</u> connection between a first client and an interface

unit;

opening a second <u>transport layer</u> connection between said interface unit and a

server ~~if no free connection is open between said interface unit and said server~~;

allowing said first client to access information on said server via said second

connection;

opening a third <u>transport layer</u> connection between a second client and said

interface unit; and

allowing said second client to access information on said server via said second

connection without waiting for said first client to disconnect.

6.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, further comprising the steps of:

delinking said first connection and said third connection while keeping open said

second connection.

7.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein said allowing said second client

to access information on said server via second connection is comprised of:

utilizing a content length parameter to determine whether all of said information

has been sent to said first client.

8.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein said allowing said second client

to access information on said server via said second connection is comprised of:

utilizing two or more chunk-size fields to determine whether all of said

information has been sent to said first client.

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